

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 1, 2006. Claims 1 to 3, 5 to 7, 9 to 15, 17 to 19 and 21 to 26 are in the application. Claims 1, 7, 13, 19, 25 and 26 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies and thoughtful treatment afforded to Applicant's representative during the September 20, 2006, telephonic interview with the Examiner. Applicant submits that the foregoing amendments accurately reflect the substance of the interview.

Turning to the substance of the Office Action, Claims 1 to 3, 5 to 7, 9 to 15, 17 to 19 and 21 to 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. In addition, Claims 7, 19 and 26 were objected to, and the Examiner requested that Claims 7, 19 and 26 be amended to more positively recite the preamble. Amendments to the claims are believed to obviate the rejections and address the objections.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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